

NURSING



Bismarck State College, in collaboration with Lake Region State College, Dakota College at Bottineau, Williston State College, and Fort Berthold Community College, offers the Dakota Nursing Program at the Certificate Practical Nurse and Associate Degree Nursing levels.

Enrollment is limited, and students will be selected through an interview process, competing with other eligible applicants to both the PN and ADN programs.

Nursing education is organized as a career ladder that begins with Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) training offered at BSC. CNA certification and pre-requisites are required before enrolling in the Dakota Nursing Program. Students are eligible to earn a Certificate in Practical Nursing after the first year of nursing classes. If qualifications are met, including maintaining a minimum GPA of 2.75, students may continue on to complete the second year, leading to an Associate in Applied Science Degree in Nursing. Students must continue to maintain a minimum GPA of 2.75 during the second year.

The Dakota Associate Degree Nursing Curriculum prepares an individual with the knowledge, abilities, and skills to practice nursing independently and interdependently through application of the nursing process to provide safe nursing care to individuals and families across the lifespan in a variety of settings.

The student will receive classroom instruction via Interactive Video Network (IVN), with instructors for some courses on campus, and instructors for other courses at distant sites. Nursing courses are not currently online, so students will be required to travel to campus to attend class. Clinical/Lab practice occurs at local sites, and clinicals include nursing homes, hospitals, community settings, and may include evenings and weekend hours.

Students planning to earn a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) should consider the RN to BSN or RN to MSN bridge programs offered in the state.

PREREQUISITES

These prerequisites must be completed before entry into the Dakota Nursing Program:

- High School Diploma or GED
- Admission to respective college
- Proof of completing a CNA class and current North Dakota certification.

- Current CPR Certification for Health Care Providers
- ENGL 110 Composition or higher level ENGL with "C" or better
- CHEM 115/115L Introductory to Chemistry with "C" or better
- High School Algebra/Beginning Algebra (ASC-92) or COMPASS /ASSET exam equivalent within the last 5 years upon date of application. Students may verify this knowledge with a minimum COMPASS math score of 30 on the pre-algebra domain or an ASSET Intermediate Algebra test of 40 or ACT math score of 16.
- An ACT composite score of 19 or COMPASS/ASSET test with an equivalent score (minimum writing score of 75 and a minimum reading score of 75) is required of students who have not completed 12 credits of classes included in the program requirements with a minimum GPA of 2.75
- Minimum GPA of 2.75 for all completed college courses that are requirements for the Dakota Nursing program.
- An overall minimum GPA of 2.5 of all college courses taken.
- "C" or better in all courses previously completed.
- The following courses will need to be repeated if older than 5 years from class completion date: Anatomy and Physiology I/L and II/L, Developmental Psychology, and Pharmacology.
- Students who meet the prerequisites and whose file is complete are selected for a competitive entry interview.
- Applications will be available January 15. Applications received after March 1 will be considered on available space.

CURRICULUM

YEAR 1 PRACTICAL NURSE CURRICULUM

	CREDITS
FALL	
Anatomy and Physiology I and lab (BIOL 220/220L).....	4
Introduction to Psychology (PSYC 111).....	3
Foundations of Nursing (NURS 120).....	3
Practical Nursing I (NURS 121)	3
Clinical Practice I (NURS 122)	3
Total credits	16
SPRING	
Anatomy and Physiology II and lab (BIOL 221/221L).....	4

Development Psychology (PSYC 250).....	3
Intro to Pharmacology (PHRM 215).....	3
Practical Nursing II: Introduction to Medical/Surgical Nursing (NURS 127).....	2
Introduction to Maternal/Child Nursing (NURS 145).....	2
Clinical Practice II (NURS 124).....	3
Total credits.....	17

SUMMER CREDITS

Practical Nursing III (NURS 129).....	4
Clinical Practice III (NURS 126).....	3
Total credits.....	7
Year 1 Total.....	40
Total Prerequisite Credits.....	7
Total Program Credits.....	47

Upon successful completion of the above curriculum, students will receive a Certificate in Practical Nursing. At this time, students may choose to continue into Year 2 and/or apply to take the NCLEX PN examination with the Board of Nursing.

DAKOTA NURSING PROGRAM: YEAR 2 ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE IN NURSING

Prerequisites for continuation toward the Associate in Applied Science Degree in Nursing (ADN)

1. Successful completion of the first year of the Dakota Nursing Program with a minimum GPA of 2.75 in all prerequisite courses; in the 40 credit course requirements as defined above; and maintain an overall cumulative GPA of 2.5.
2. A letter of intent desiring continuation dated no later than March 1 of the year the student would be entering the 2nd year of the program.
3. Pass a pre-admission examination.

OR

Prerequisites for External Application toward the Associate in Applied Science Degree in Nursing (ADN)

1. Unencumbered license to practice as a Licensed Practical Nurse in the United States of America.
2. Minimum GPA of 2.75 in all prerequisite courses (including nursing classes) and an overall minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5
3. Admission to the college of choice as well as completion of a formal application to the Dakota Associate Degree Nursing Program. Admission to the College does not guarantee admission to the ADN program. Application forms for admission to the Dakota ADN Program may be obtained from the Nursing Department during the second half of spring semester.
4. Pass a pre-admission examination.
5. Currently enrolled, or satisfactory completion with a C or better in each of the following courses:

All required nursing courses from an accredited Practical Nursing Program

- Introductory Chemistry and lab (CHEM 115)
- Composition I (ENGL 110)
- Introduction to Psychology (PSYC 111)
- Anatomy and Physiology I with lab (BIOL 220)
- Anatomy and Physiology II with lab (BIOL 221)
- Introduction to Pharmacology (PHRM 215) (must be within 5 years of ADN admission).
- Developmental Psychology (PSYC 250)

Students who meet the prerequisites and whose file is complete are accepted into the program based on each college's admission criteria.

YEAR 2 CURRICULUM

FALL CREDITS

Professional Role Development (NURS 224).....	2
Alterations in Health I (NURS 225).....	3
Maternal Child Nursing (NURS 226).....	3
Clinical Application I (NURS 227).....	4
Microbiology and lab (MICR 202/202L).....	4
Total credits.....	16

SPRING CREDITS

Alterations in Health II (NURS 228).....	4
Health Promotion and Psychosocial Nursing (NURS 229).....	2
Clinical Application II (NURS 237).....	5
Role Transition (NURS 259).....	1
Communications Elective.....	3
Total credits.....	15
Total for year.....	31

Upon successful completion of the above curriculum, students will receive an Associate in Applied Science Degree in Nursing.

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Financial Aid: 1-701-224-5494 or bismarckstate.edu/student/finaid

BSC Foundation Scholarships: 1-701-224-2486 or bismarckstate.edu/scholarships